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SUBJ: CSCE: SOVIET COMMENT ON LEADERSHIP MATTERS

REF: A. GENEVA 893, B. STATE 30330; C. GENEVA 855

1. FOR THE RECORD, WE CAN REMEMBER ONE EARLIER SOVIET REFERENCE TO A CSCE THIRD STAGE AT THE CHIEF OF STATE LEVEL. IZVESTIYA ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1973, REFERRED TO CONVENING OF THE THIRD STAGE AT THE LEVEL OF "HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS AND STATES." AT THE TIME WE NOTED THIS DEPARTURE FROM THE NORM "AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL" (MOSCOW 11226 OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1973), BUT WE HAVE NOT SEEN IT REPEATED SINCE. THE MOST RECENT SEMI-AUTHORITATIVE PUBLIC REFERENCE--A NEW TIMES ARTICLE OF JANUARY 24, 1975, BY "M. LVOV," WHO WE BELIVE IS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SOVIET CSCE DELEGATION LEV MENDELYEVICH--USED "AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL."

2. LIKE THE DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA, WE ARE INTRIGUED BY THE SOVIET REFERENCES TO "CHIEF OF STATE," WHICH WE NOTE ALSO CREPT INTO THE DISCUSSIONS OF CBM'S IN REFTEL C, PARA 4. STOESSEL

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